

## Program Highlights 2007

### Joint Outreach with US Embassy and Consulate Officials

On September 14, 2007, The Fulbright EducationUSA adviser, Consulate General educational adviser and US Embassy Vice Consul participated in Poland's biggest education fair at the Warsaw University of Technology. The interactive presentations were followed by numerous questions on specific aspects of the US application process. Fulbright and US Embassy staff continued to offer information and resource materials at the Fulbright exhibition stand. The Fair was attended by several thousand prospective high school students and their parents.

### International Education Week 2007

During International Education Week, several Fulbright scholars presented in a panel discussion on Polish-US academic exchanges and answered questions for Polish faculty and international relations officers. Faculty and academic authorities were invited to a working conference on Polish-US Academic Exchange Perspectives to Warsaw University. Professor Anthony T. Martinico of University of Detroit Mercy spoke about successful inter-university linkages, and his 23 years of collaboration with the Warsaw University of Technology in Architecture and Engineering.



### Key EducationUSA Partners

- ▶ US Embassy, Public Affairs Section, Visa Section
- ▶ US Consulate General, Krakow
- ▶ Institute of International Education (IIE) European Office
- ▶ University of Poznan
- ▶ University of Wroclaw
- ▶ University of Economics Krakow
- ▶ University of Gdansk
- ▶ University of Economics of Katowice
- ▶ Perspektywy Education Fair organizer

Country Statistics	2006	2007
Number of students in the US:	3,020	2,810
Total number of center inquiries:	12,685	13,123

# Poland

## Advising Center Network

The EducationUSA Advising Center of the Polish-US Fulbright Commission in Warsaw and the Educational Advising Office of the US Consulate General in Krakow offer a wide range of services including individual and group advising, assistance with test preparation, regular outreach information sessions, as well as thematic workshops and conferences. The centers work closely with local universities and other higher education organizations. Fulbright assists the satellite advising centers in Poznan, Krakow, Wroclaw, Katowice and Gdańsk, and the American Corners in Łódź and Wroclaw.

## Recent Trends: US Study ▼ -7.0%

- ▶ The 7% decline in Polish-US student mobility is due in part to competition from less expensive study abroad options; most Poles need substantial financial aid.
- ▶ Due to the Bologna process and degree equivalency concerns of 3-year Bachelor degrees, an increasing number of students seek opportunities within the EU.
- ▶ Popular fields of study: computer science, communication/media, political science, law.
- ▶ Common sports for student-athletes: soccer, basketball, swimming, tennis.

## Resource Links

Fulbright Commission: [www.fulbright.edu.pl](http://www.fulbright.edu.pl)

Ministry of Science and Higher Education: [www.eng.nauka.gov.pl](http://www.eng.nauka.gov.pl)

National Academic Recognition Information Center (ENIC/NARIC): [www.buwiwm.edu.pl](http://www.buwiwm.edu.pl)

## Education System Overview

	Secondary Education	Higher Education (Bachelor's Degree)
Language of instruction:	Polish and in limited number of programs in English	Polish and in limited number of programs in English
Years of study required:	3 years lower high school (gimnazjum) and 3 years upper high school (liceum)	3-4 years
Grading system & US equivalent:	Celujacy (6) – A+ Bardzo Dobry (5) – A Dobry (4) – B Dostateczny (3) – C Dopuszczajacy (2) – C- Niedostateczny (1) – F	Bardzo Dobry (5) – A Dobry (4) – B Dostateczny (3) – C Niedostateczny (2) – F Niedostateczny (1) – F
Scholarship for US studies:	Students and advisers rely on the EducationUSA Weekly Update and the <a href="http://www.educationusa.state.gov/finaid.htm">www.educationusa.state.gov/finaid.htm</a> resource link	

## Upcoming Events 2008-2009

The Fulbright Advising Center is planning to invite the representatives of the American Chamber of Commerce, American companies and Polish Business representatives to participate in various International Education Week events in November 2008. Contact Fulbright to take part in outreach events.

## Partnering with EducationUSA Poland

US international education experts are welcome to contact the educational adviser in Poland to discuss their involvement in the IEW activities and other EducationUSA projects.

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